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Veterans Council Minutes

29 SEP 2015: Call to order at 18:00. Patrick Quinn unable to attend.

Old Business

1. Jeff Melton provided update on memorial tracking/mapping project. He will be following-up with the school administration seeking student involvement. Jeff Chunglo will schedule a meeting with Adam Kurowski to review the logistics with the program and overall management of the database.
2. Bill Hayner updated the council on the proposed location for the Honor Roll Memorial between the Town Hall and the Library. He informed us that a special application for amendment of the existing covenant would be required, and may pose a challenge. We will keep this as an alternative if needed. The council discussed the possibility of locating the monument in front of the High School on Mass Ave. We will explore this option as well.
3. Update provided by Jeff Chunglo for "Purple Heart Town". This can be coordinated with the request to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) regarding the POW/MIA Display.

New Business

1. Jeff Chunglo provided the council with an initial rendering of the proposed POW/MIA Display to be located at the entrance to the Town Hall. After review, the following changes were proposed: the frame shown in the rendering would be removed; the two (2) back stanchions would be removed with the ropes being secured to the wooden frame; a plaque would be placed at the base of the chair explaining the display; the chair would remain unchanged for its current form and would have a simple black sash draped over the arms and across the seat. Motion made by Bill Hayner to accept changes, second by Anmarie Russo, passed unanimously. Once the rendering is updated, Jeff will forward a copy to the council for final review and approval.
2. Jeff Chunglo updated the council on the status of veteran graves at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Given the current status, it requires that the recently approved GWOT lot needs to be dedicated next Memorial Day (2016). The council discussed options for a monument to be located at that lot. The memorial unanimously approved by the council will be: 3 feet wide by 6 feet tall; the modern "military combat cross" will be "relief sculpted" into the upper section of the stone; "MEMORIAL TO THE FALLEN IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM" will be etched into the stone below the cross; the five (5) service emblems will be etched into the stone; the stone will be local (USA) grey granite. Cost estimates range from \$8-12K.

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3. The council discussed the need to protect and catalog the war records/files currently stored in the Town Hall. The goal is incorporate all records into a searchable database, accessible to the general public and for use in the future Honor Roll Memorial. Discussed applying for grants to offset the cost of compiling this database – estimated cost \$10K. Jeff Chunglo will follow-up with the Town on Tax Exempt status, resources available through the Historical Society and assistance with grant writing.

Meeting was adjourned at 19:10. Next meeting is scheduled for 20 OCT 2015 at 18:00.